

## Message Text

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ACTION SY-05

INFO OCT-01 ARA-10 ISO-00 SNM-05 FBOE-00 A-01 /022 W  
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R 021458Z MAR 78  
FM AMEMBASSY BOGOTA  
TO DEA WASHDC  
INFO SECSTATE WASHDC 6640  
AMEMBASSY PANAMA

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DEA FOR C. FRANK FROM RSO

EO 11652: NA  
TAGS: ASEC  
SUBJ: SECURITY DEA/STATE NARCOTICS UNIT OFFICE SPACE

REF: STATE 048286

PANAMA PASS TO RSS

1. IN RESPONSE TO REFTTEL RSO AND DEA SAIC STRONGLY RECOMMEND DEA RECONSIDER A 24 HOUR MSG POST IN DEA OFFICE SPACE. THE MSG POST COUPLED WITH THE METAL DETECTOR IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE SECURITY RENOVATION OF THE DEA LOBBY. WITHOUT THE MSG AND METAL DETECTOR IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO PREVENT THE TYPE OF SITUATION IN WHICH OCTAVIO GONZALEZ WAS SLAIN.

2. AS DEA IS AWARE, WE HAVE PLANNED TO INSTALL A STAIRWELL BETWEEN THE 19TH FLOOR DEA SPACE AND THE 20TH FLOOR STATE NARCOTICS UNIT USING THE 19TH FLOOR AS THE SCREENING AREA PRIOR TO ENTRANCE INTO DEA OR THE STATE UNIT. THE INCLUSION OF THE STATE UNIT INTO THE DEA SECURITY SYSTEM DOUBLES THE NUMBER OF VISITORS HENCE INCREASING THE POSSIBILITY OF THE INCIDENTS WE WANT TO AVOID. IT SHOULD ALSO BE NOTED THAT THE INCREASED  
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NARCOTICS INTERDICTION PROGRAM INCREASES THE POSSIBILITY OF INCIDENTS ENDANGERING THE LIVES OF BOTH DEA AND STATE EMPLOYEES. FOR THIS REASON THE SCREENING PROCESS UTILIZING THE MSG AND THE METAL DETECTOR TAKES ON AN ADDED IMPORTANCE.

3. THE SECURITY SYSTEM DEvised HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE MISSION SECURITY WATCH COMMITTEE CHAIRED BY THE DCM, SAIC BURNETT AND

RSO. WE UNDERSTAND THAT SINCE THE SCREENING PROCESS INCLUDES PROTECTION OF STATE PERSONNEL, THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE WOULD BE WILLING TO SHARE THE COSTS OF PROCURING THE METAL DETECTOR AND SHARING THE ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS OF THE MSG POST.

4. PLEASE ADVISE.  
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